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SUBJ: SOVIET JOURNALISTS VISIT TO U.S.

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1. EMBOFF REVIEWED SOVIET JOURNALISTS PROGRAM WITH GORYACHEV OF CYO DECEMBER 30. CYO HAD FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS.
2. HOME STAYS: GORYACHEV SAID IT MIGHT BE SOMEWHAT UNCOMFORTABLE FOR SOVIET JOURNALISTS TO GO DIRECTLY FROM AIRPORT TO PRIVATE HOMES IN WASHINGTON AFTER LONG FLIGHT FROM MOSCOW. CYO DOES NOT RPT NOT WANT TO REQUEST CHANGE IF OLIVER HAS ALREADY MADE FIRM ARRANGEMENTS, BUT FEELS IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO PUT JOURNALISTS UP IN A HOTEL WITH HOME STAYS DEFERRED TO OTHER CITIES ALONG ITINERARY.

3. MEETING WITH U.S. ASTRONAUTS: CYO FEELS IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IF SOVIET JOURNALISTS COULD MEET WITH GROUP OF U.S. ASTRONAUTS SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY, IN VIEW OF APOLLO-SOYUZ JOINT MISSION SCHEDULED FOR THIS SUMMER. LEADER OF SOVIET GROUP, GUBAREV, SPECIALIZES IN SPACE PROGRAM AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE INTERVIEW WITH ASTRONAUTS IF POSSIBLE.

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(NOT NECESSARILY THOSE INVOLVED IN JOINT MISSION.)

HE WOULD PLAN TO DO SERIES OF ARTICLES IN POPULAR YOUTH NEWSPAPER, KOMSOMOLSKAY PRAVDA. EMBASSY STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS SUGGESTION.

4. CHICAGO: CYO LIKES CHICAGO ARRANGEMENTS, BUT ALSO SUGGESTS, IF POSSIBLE, WORKING IN A VISIT TO CHICAGO TRIBUNE OF CHICAGO DAILY NEWS.

5. CULTURAL EVENTS: ALTHOUGH NOT LISTED IN TENTATIVE PROGRAM, CYO ASSUMES THAT THERE WILL BE CULTURAL EVENTS ON THE PROGRAM, SUCH AS THEATER, MUSEUM VISITS, ETC. SEVERAL JOURNALISTS ARE INTERESTED IN AND WOULD LIKE TO WRITE ABOUT CULTURAL ASPECTS OF AMERICAN LIFE.

6. SEMINARS: CYO ALSO LIKES IDEA OF SEMINARS BUT SUGGESTS THAT THEY BE CENTERED ON THEMES RATHER THAN OPEN-ENDED. GORYACHEV SUGGESTED THEMES SUCH AS (A) ROLE OF PRESS IN SOCIETY, (B) THE PRESS AND YOUTH, (C) THE SOVIAL AND POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRESS.

7. GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART JANUARY 10. EMBASSY DOES NOT YET HAVE AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE VISAS TO SOVIET GROUP AND WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION OF CURRENT STATUS.

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